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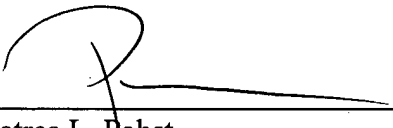
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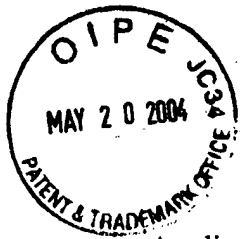
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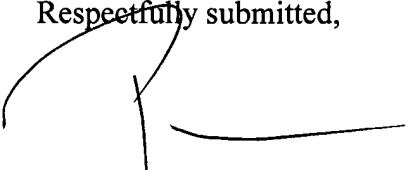
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**NOTIFICATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Assignee [see attached Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)], by and through its authorized representative, hereby gives notice of entitlement to small entity status of this patent, due to its acquisition of rights to this patent from the previous assignee (a corporation not entitled to small entity status). Accordingly, the issue fee transmitted herewith is being paid at the small entity rate.

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